

## Andrew Jackson to David Burford, September 10, 1832, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### TO DAVID BURFORD.1

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Hermitage, September 10, 1832.

*Dear sir,* I have this moment received yours of this date, stating that "it is said that (I) entertain a preference for the election of Mr. Grundy to the Senate of the United States"; and further, "that whatever were the relations between (myself) and Major Eaton heretofore, that they are not such at this time as should induce (my) friends to desire his services" in the Senate of the United States.

From the friendly manner of your communication, and in justice to myself and all parties concerned, I feel bound to give you a reply.

In respect to the first of the "reports", which you say "are circulated" there, I have to inform you that it is incorrect. Not knowing who were to be ultimately the candidates I could not determine, and consequently could not have expressed "a preference for the election of Mr. Grundy to the Senate of the united States."

I am much astonished to learn that any one has intimated that the friendly and confidential relations, which have existed between major Eaton and myself for the last twenty years, have undergone the slightest change. He has ever had, and still possesses my entire confidence. I have, therefore, in reply to the second part of your letter to remark that, if the

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relations between Major Eaton and myself ever were such "as should induce (my) friends to desire his services," they are so still.

I feel very grateful for the confidence you express in the administration of the general Government and your determination to advance and sustain it. Nothing can be more satisfactory to me than to be aided in my administration by men of zeal, capacity, and honest fidelity.

I have the honor to be very respectfully yr obdt. Servt.